

# **TOWN MEETING**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:00 pm

Municipal Building

## **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Moment of Silence
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from (September 3, 2019)
- VI. Legislation
- VII. Public Period (limit 2 minutes)
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Closed Session
- X. Adjournment

**Mayor/Council  
Workshop – 7:30 PM  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019  
Municipal Building  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 7:36 PM

**Roll Call:** CM Barnes, CM Kennedy II, CW Hines, Mayor Muhammad present; CW Noble arrived at 7:39 PM. Quorum established.

**Moment of Silence:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by CW Hines to approve the agenda; seconded by CM Kennedy II; motion passed.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2019;** Motion by CW Hines to approve the minutes; seconded by CM Kennedy II; motion passed.

**Public Period:** Mr. James Ware suggested having a set time announced in the evening that residents should put out their trash before pickup days.

Mr. Larry Stoner asked about an update for the completion of the 606 Modoc Police and Public Works Building. Mayor Muhammad respond that the Town are in the process of hiring a contractor to finish up 606 Modoc.

**Presentation from Greenwill Consulting:** The Greenwill representative highlighted the accomplishments done on behalf of Forest Heights in the state legislature in Annapolis. This included a change in Maryland gaming law that will now allocate \$120,000 to the Town from the MGM casino. This grant is to be used for certain areas such as infrastructure and economic development. Another accomplishment included the procurement of a \$125,000 grant for the improvement of North Huron Drive. Finally, they worked to combat the county installing speed cameras on MD 210, which would have significantly reduced revenue. The cameras will not be placed in the Town. For the next legislative session, they are looking to pursue law enforcement related grants and infrastructure improvements.

#### **Staff Reports**

**Report of Officers and Committees** – (Can be picked up from the Clerk office and is uploaded on the Town Website)

- **Treasurer's Report** – Status report of the Town's finances for the month of August 2019 were distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Public Works Director Report** – Status report of the Public Works Director for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Code Enforcement** – Status report for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Ombudsman Report** – Status report for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Police Chief Report** – Status report of the Police Department for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Town Circuit Rider Report** – Status report for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.
- **Town Administrator Report** – Status report for the month of August 2019 was distributed to the Mayor-Town Council.

#### **Ward Reports:**

**Ward I:** CM Barnes announced that the Neighborhood Watch will be meeting at September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Municipal Building.

**Ward II:** CM Kennedy II stated that Forest Heights Elementary School has relocated to John Hanson Montessori for the duration of the year, due to structural issues at FHES. A bioretention pond has been built behind the school. He called for volunteers for both the Haunted House (on October 18 and 19) and for the Safe Harvest Party (aimed at younger kids).

**Ward II:** CW Hines announced that Back to School was running well at John Hanson Montessori. The Halloween Safe Harvest is October 19, and the Children's Holiday Party date is TBD.

CW Noble attended a function held by Prince George's County State's Attorney, Aisha Braveboy. The attorney is implementing a more comprehensive juvenile justice program that seeks alternatives to incarceration. CW Noble donated notebooks to Saint Mark's AME on behalf of Ward III.

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor reiterated the need for volunteers for the Halloween events.

#### **Legislation**

**Resolution 58-19:** A Resolution to approve an additional cost associated with the Choice Concrete Construction Company, Inc. contractors to repave portions of three streets within the Town; specifically portions of Ottawa Street; introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the full reading seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion passed; discussion.

**Resolution 59-19:** A Resolution to approve the purchase of a paint striping machine to provide markings and demarcations on Town streets; introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CW Hines to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Kennedy II; all in favor; motion passed; discussion.

**New Business:** CW Hines would like to introduce Mr. Monroe Harrison, who partners with Oxon Hill High School and John Hanson Montessori, to the Mayor and Council.

**Motion to go into closed session:** Motion by CM Kennedy II to go into closed session; seconded by CW Hines; motion passed. enter at 9:09 p.m.

**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING**

Location: <u>Town of Forest Heights, Maryland</u>	Date: <u>August 21, 2019</u>	Time: <u>8:26 p.m.</u>		
Vote to Close Session:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilman Calvin Washington	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[X]
Councilman Robert Barnes	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilwoman Cynthia Mann	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[X]
Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilwoman Paula Noble	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilwoman Taunya Hines	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION**

- I. State Government Article Section 10-508(a):
  10. [ ] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that the public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:
    - i. the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
    - ii. the development and implementation of emergency plans.

Motion to adjourn the closed session at 9:25p.m. (5) Ayes all in favor.

Persons attending closed session: Mayor Muhammad, CM Barnes, CM Kennedy II, CW Noble, CW Hines, Mr. Robinson Town Administrator, Mrs. Hawkins Town Clerk and Town Attorney Kevin Best, Police Chief Rease.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30p.m. (5) Ayes all in favor.